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Santa Claus Visited Every Home In The City

Big Wagon Load of Christmas Distributed in East End

LIBERAL HEARTED TULSANS
BREAK RECORD IN CARING FOR
POOR.

"Empty Stocking" Fund Brings Good
Results—Many Made Happy.

K. of P. Lodges, Blue Ribbon Club and
Human Society Do Great Work in
Helping Less Fortunate Ones.

Churches Also Lend a Helping Hand
in Charity Work.

If there is a single needy family in
Tulsa that did not receive a box or
basket Christmas it is because they
could not be found by the strong arm
of charity which extended in all di-
rections in every nook and corner of
the city, spreading joy among the poor
people who otherwise would probably
have gone without a Christmas dinner.

This speaks well for Tulsa and all
her citizens feel a degree of just pride
in this splendid achievement.

No city anywhere has done more
for the poor, in proportion to popula-
tion than Tulsa has done this Christ-
mas. Everywhere the true Christmas
spirit has prevailed and there has
been joy and sunshine in every home.
Early in November the Tulsa World
launched a campaign for an "Empty
Stocking" fund and as Christmas ap-
proached the fund grew rapidly. The
Tulsa Star also appealed to the public
for such fund with excellent results.
The lodges and clubs of the city and
men's clubs responded liberally and
when Christmas morning came a full
wagon load of food, nuts, candies and
dainties of various kinds was started
out under the supervision of Prof. J.
W. Hughes principal of the Dunbar
grade school to visit the homes of the
worthy poor. Prof. Hughes, accom-
panied by Hubert Green and baggage-
man Williams put in several hours de-
livering boxes to the unfortunate fam-
ilies of the East End. Prof. Hughes
doing without breakfast himself in his
eagerness to serve the poor people.

The contributions for this cause
were as follows:

Humane Society	\$30.00
K. of P. Lodge	15.00
Blue Ribbon Club	15.00
Dick Berdon	10.00
Com. T. J. Quinn	2.00
Mayor F. M. Wooden	1.00
J. E. Grant	1.00
Dreyfus	1.50
W. C. Reed, Muskogee	1.00
H. C. Brashaw	1.00
Miss Hazel McDaniel	.75
E. W. Woods	.50
S. D. McRee	.50
J. S. Gist	.50
Crystal Bakery	.50
H. O. Vaden	.50
C. E. Tucker	.50
J. A. Waldrep	.50
R. W. Wynn	.50
Lewis Cline	.25
Ed. Dalton	.25
J. F. Curry	.50
G. Foundstreet	.50
D. W. Quinn	.50
Anonymous	1.75

Total \$86.00

Aside from this the churches have
all helped the poor people. Christ-
mas trees were laden in nearly every
church in the city Friday night with
gifts for many of the poor families.
The Salvation Army and the United
Charities Association have also done
much toward spreading the joys of
the season. Thousands of dollars
have been spent for the poor and Tul-
sa has broken its own record for car-
ing for the unfortunates.

Negro Home is Attacked

MUSKOGEE FEELING THE EFFECT
PRODUCED BY 'THE BIRTH OF
A NATION.'

Jess Brown's Home Attacked. Win-
dows Demolished, and Other Dam-
age Done.

Mr. Jess Brown, a former resident
of Tulsa, purchased a home on South
27th street in Muskogee, but was
warned by the Klu Klux Klan not to
move in, as they had decided to let
no more Negroes live in that part of
the town, and threatened violence to
him if he dared disobey their com-
mands. Being a good citizen Brown
paid no attention to their threats, but
went on arranging the details in-
stead.

dent to the occupants of a new home.
Friday night, Dec. 21, after the work-
men who were placing the window
blinds had gone home, leaving the
house unoccupied, one or more of the
first citizens of Muskogee sneaked up
to the house and with an iron pipe
or some similar instrument, broke all
the window lights and destroyed the
curtains which had just been placed.
The statement by the associated
press that bricks and rocks were
thrown is entirely false, since not a
brick or stone was found inside the
building. And likewise false is the
statement that Brown was left with a
blanket around him shivering in the
cold.

Brown was not in the building, and
it is well, for the coward or cowards
that he was not home. He has four
winchesters stowed away with plenty
of ammunition and his cousin Bud
Brown and G. W. George were there
at night to see that the winchesters
shoot straight.

The most remarkable thing about
the whole affair, is that Negroes by
the dozens live on 27th and its ad-
joining streets, the majority of them
owning property.

Mr. J. L. Huff, masquerading as a
republican, and at present assistant
street commissioner, had warned
Brown not to move in his home, de-
claring that he had made any threats
to Brown, but confessed to having
said "I didn't threaten anyone, some
Negro moved his household goods in-
to a residence near here the other
day and I advised him not to move in
himself. He has not done it yet. We
are going to have a white neighbor-
hood out there." When the district
attorney was approached he said he
needed more evidence. In criminal
cases must the citizens find evidence
for the prosecuting attorney?

Negro Editors Meet In Kansas City

WESTERN NEGRO PRESS ASSO-
CIATION URGES RACE TO MAKE
FRIENDS IN ALL POLITICAL
PARTIES.

Resolutions Passed Asking For Equal
Opportunities for the Negro.

(Special to the Tulsa Star.)

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 29.—The
17th annual meeting of the Western
Negro Press Association closed here
today after a very successful two-
days' session which was attended by
members of the Association, from sev-
eral points in the west and south-
west.

A. J. Smitherman, editor of the Tul-
sa Star was re-elected president of the
Association as were all the other of-
ficers except the late editor L. A.
Bell, former corresponding secre-
tary. Editor Thos. Kennedy, editor of the
Kansas City Independent, at Kansas
City, Mo., was elected to this office.

The next session of the Association
will meet in Chicago, June 5th and
6th, 1916.

The following resolution was adopt-
ed by the Association:

Resolution Adopted by the W. N. P. A.
Dec. 29, 1915.

Be it resolved that the Western
Negro Press Association unqualified-
ly endorses reasonable preparedness
and believes that this government
should immediately make suitable
preparation to protect its commerce
and citizens both home and abroad.
We believe that the two million Ne-
groes capable of bearing arms should
be given an opportunity to obtain
military training both as officers and
privates that is absolutely necessary
in a well organized government; and
to this end, we earnestly suggest that
the various states as well as the gov-
ernment put aside their prejudices
toward the Negro and assist in train-
ing and molding this tremendous force
into a splendid defensive machine.

The Negro has demonstrated his
bravery as well as loyalty upon many
a battlefield and can be trusted to
come to his Nation's defense at any
time, that an emergency may arise.
We enthusiastically endorse the doc-
trine enunciated by our greatest
leader whose loss we deeply deplore,
the late Booker T. Washington, whose
slogan "Back to the Farm" has found
ready response in the hearts of thou-
sands.

We also deplore the death of that
greatest diplomat of the race J. M.
Turner, who was the father and

founder of the first Negro school in
Missouri and who did much in his
life time for racial uplift.

And Negroes who are now doing
well cultivating the soil.

We view with pride the increasing
tendency on the part of race to en-
courage and patronize Negro journals
and hope the time will soon come
when the Negro newspaper will be
found in the homes of every member of
the race.

And whereas it has been conclu-
sively shown that the race has friends
as well as enemies in all the political
parties of this country, therefore:

Be it resolved, the Negro Press of
this country be urged to admonish the
race everywhere to encourage and
cultivate the good will of all our
friends in all parties and to show
their appreciation of the same by a
judicious use of their rights of suf-
frage.

Be it further resolved, that a copy
of these resolutions be published in
all the negro journals and a copy fur-
nished the Associated Press.

N. C. GREGG, Chairman.
A. M. GARNER
H. R. GRAHAM
THOMAS KENNEDY.
A. J. SMITHERMAN.

TWO "OLD ROMANS" SAVED THE
DAY.

Times-Democrat Commends Hon. W.
H. Twine and Col. Rutherford.

Republican Phoenix Urged On the Mob
With Three Lurid Extras.

The Times-Democrat Demands Arrest
of Mob Leaders.

Muskogee, Dec. 29.—The Times-
Democrat, in its Monday issue, spoke
editorially as follows in its Monday is-
sue, commending the public spirited
and patriotic services rendered Mus-
kogee by the Hon. W. H. Twine, well
known Negro lawyer, and Col. R. M.
Rutherford, well known democratic
leader:

"Muskogee has reason for sincere
and heartfelt self-congratulation to-
day. That mob violence and race
prejudice were not permitted to break
loose in unrelenting fury as a result
of the killing of Policeman Neal and
the capture of his murderers is almost
a miracle. It was a serious mistake
to lodge the prisoners in this county
jail, and almost criminal neglect to
permit a small crowd to congregate
about the jail during Sunday after-
noon when a few officers by vigorous
action could have dispersed the
crowd. Those are all matters, how-
ever, of hindsight. When Judge de-
Graffunder learned of the serious sit-
uation he called out the state militia
and Commissioner Patton ordered
out all the police reserve. This dis-
play of force went a long way to curb-
ing the crowd. Probably most credit
for preventing a most unfortunate sit-
uation is due to Colonel Morton
Rutherford and W. H. Twine. At 10
o'clock Sunday night several hun-
dred armed negroes were congregat-
ed north of the jail, and about a
thousand whites were gathered in the
streets south of the jail. It only need-
ed a thoughtless shot to let loose the
fury. Mayor Miller sent for Twine,
who responded instantly, and under
the mayor's instructions succeeded in
getting the negroes to quietly leave
the vicinity of the jail. About this
time Colonel Rutherford addressed
the crowd and then led the movement
to drive the crowd back from the jail.
Adj. Gen. Clayton, one of the level-
headed men of the state, took charge
of the troops. This was a master
stroke which made the crowd ridicu-
lous in its own eyes. The sheriff's
office deserves credit for the rather
bold and aggressive manner in which
the prisoners were taken from the
jail and spirited out of the city.

Muskogee is to be congratulated that
the majesty of the law rather than
violence of the mob predominated in
ending the fiasco."

Harold at the Phone.

What he thought he'd say:—Hello,
dear! I love to hear your voice. It's
my inspiration. Won't I see you soon?
Tomorrow will be a hundred years.
It's unbearable to be away from you.
I'll never tire of you. Your family
will like me when they know me bet-
ter. My love for you is wonderful. I
couldn't live without you. There is
no other girl in the world but you.

What he said:—Hello dear, I love
to hear your voice.

Glady:—That'll be all right, but
father says I can't talk to you until
your turn up with a theatre ticket
every now and then to pay for the fur
you're wearing—golf the sofa.

Harold:—Oh! Er—er! beg your par-
don. I've the wrong line.

Trial of City Dads Postponed By State Till January 20th

ACTION OF GRAND JURY NOT
POPULAR WITH BEST CITIZENS
OF TULSA.

Both Mayor Wooden and Commis-
sioner Quinn Are Men of Exceptionally
High Character and Above Reproach
as Officials.

That the action of the grand jury
last week in ordering the suspension
of Mayor Frank M. Wooden and Com-
missioner T. J. Quinn on charges of
accepting bribes is not looked upon
favorably by the best citizens of Tul-
sa, white or black, is plainly evident
from the comment the incident has
caused among all classes.

It seems to be the consensus of op-
inion that these two officials have
committed no wrong and that their
enemies are behind a scheme to hum-
iliate them and discredit them in the
public eye. This, however, will un-
doubtedly fail, because both of these
gentlemen have made exceptionally
good records in Tulsa, both as private
citizens and as officials of the munic-
ipal government.

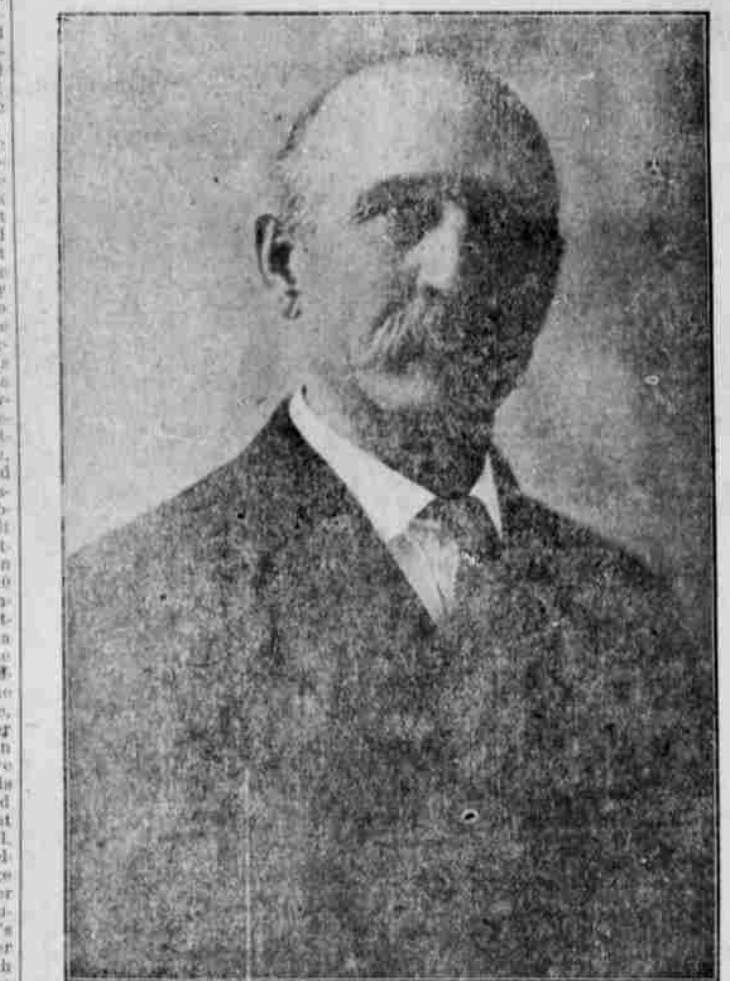
The advertising Tulsa has received
as a result of the grand jury's action
is anything but pleasant to the best
citizens here and certainly it is not
beneficial to the city.

The gentlemen who compose the

grand jury no doubt did their duty as
they saw it, but the unfortunate



MAYOR FRANK WOODEN



COMMISSIONER T. J. QUINN

Colored La- ndry Opens In Tulsa

The Crescent Laundry to Open For
Business Monday Morning.

The Star is glad to note that we
are to have a first class laundry, man-
aged and operated by Negroes, thus
fulfilling a long felt necessity for the
Colored people of Tulsa.

The reputation of the gentlemen be-
hind it, assures its success. Mr. F. O.
Franklyn, the manager has been in

business here so long, and so success-
fully that the public is justified in
expecting much of him in his new po-
sition. Mr. J. C. Simms is secretary
and Mr. C. McAdams, treasurer of the
company.

They have installed machinery of
the most approved type and are there-
fore able to guarantee first class and
quick and satisfactory service.

A patriotic, intelligent young man
in their wagon, thus assuring
prompt delivery, and courtesy to
the patrons. The manager invites
the public to visit the laundry offices
Saturday from ten a. m. to eleven p.
m. to inspect the machinery and of-
fer suggestions. So that the busy
man may come without inconveni-
ence, they will serve an excellent buf-
fet lunch during those hours. The
company has also taken over Mr.

thing about it is that only one side is
ever heard before a grand jury, and
they are unable at all times to find
the interior motives which form the
basis of operation in many of the
cases brought before them.

It is very much regretted that such
men as Mayor Wooden and Commis-
sioner Quinn should be called upon
to defend their conduct as City offi-
cials in the light of their excellent
service they have rendered, the city.
But "Alls well that ends well" as it
is sure to do in this case.

White Democr t Defies Mob

CRUMP DENCUNED
MOB AS COWARDS

W. J. Crump, Prominent Democratic
Attorney Addresses Members of
Mob and Urges Them to Desist.

Muskogee, Dec. 29.—One of the
notable speeches made by citizens at
the county jail last Sunday night in
the effort to induce the white mem-
bers of the mob seeking the life of
the Negro murderer, William Green,
was made by the Hon. W. J. Crump,
ex-county attorney and one of the
leading members of the Oklahoma bar.

As the crowds jammed about the
jail, the door was opened and Sheriff
Barger and W. J. Crump emerged.
Two beer kegs were rolled to the side-
walk and Crump began to address the
crowd. He told them we were in a
new country and should meet condi-
tions as they are. He urged them to
go to their homes and let the law take
its course, promising them that speedy
justice would be meted out in a logical
way. The crowd hissed and jeered
him. There were cat calls and cries
of "we want the negro." Crump con-
tinued to talk. He was interrupted
with: "We want no bunk from you."

Crump grew angry and, shouting at
the crowd, declared that if they would
not listen to him they had no sense.

"You are standing out there crying
out for a man's life. You are a lot of
cowards. I dare any one of you to set
upon this platform and speak out
openly what you are crying out in that
mob. You dare not do it. You are
cowards."

Franklyn's cleaning and pressing es-
tablishment, which Mr. Franklyn will
personally direct. The enterprise
should be substantially patronized,
not only because it is conducted by
our people, but for the major reason
that it will give useful employment
to ten to fifteen of our unemployed
boys and girls.

Editor in Gurthrie

Editor Smitherman, of the Tulsa Star
who has been in Kansas City all
the week attending the Press Association
returned yesterday and left on an early
train this morning for Gurthrie, where
he is to deliver the principal Address
at an Emancipation celebration today.

WHEN YOU FAIL TO GET
YOUR PAPER.

Some complaints are coming
in to this office from subscrib-
ers who, for some reason fail to
get their paper each week.
We regret very much that it
has been necessary for any one
to register such complaint.
We are very careful to see
that each subscriber's paper
is properly addressed and sent
out from this office. When the
paper fails to reach you it is
not our fault.
Please go to the paper win-
dow at your post office and ask
for the TULSA STAR, if you
have no box or street number,
and then if you fail to get it
notify us and we will gladly
take the matter up with the
post office authorities.

EDITOR.